Lib. L. L. Councill and Assembly of this Province and the Authority of the same that after the end of this Session of Assembly whosoever shall directly or indirectly entertain or provide for

whosoever shall directly or indirectly entertain or provide for p. 148 or cause to be entertained or provided for any lewd woman or women or that shall frequent her or their Company after that Admonition to him or them be given by the Minister or the Vestry or the Church Warden or Church Wardens of the Parish where such person or persons shall inhabitt shall be adjudged a ffornicator or Adulterer as the Case shall be and shall suffer such Penaltys as by this law is hereafter appointed.

And be it further enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that every person or persons that shall Comitt ffornication and be thereof Convict in the Provincial or County Court either by Confession or Verdict of twelve men shall be fin'd thirty shillings or six hundred pounds of Tobacco by the Justices before whom such Conviction shall be to the Queens Majesty for the Support of the County

Charge.

And be it enacted by the Authority Advice and Consent aforesaid that every person or persons that shall Comit Adultery and shall be thereof Convict either by Confession or Verdict of twelve men in the Provincial or any of the County Courts of this Province shall be fin'd by the Justices before whom such Conviction shall be three pounds sterling or twelve hundred pounds of Tobacco to the Queens Majesty her heires and Successors towards defraying such County Charge as aforesaid And in Case the said Offenders or any of them shall not have wherewith to pay the severall ffines by this Act Imposed then the said Offenders shall be adjudged to suffer Corporall Punishment by whipping upon his or their bare bodys till the blood do appear, so many stripes, not exceeding thirty nine as the Justices before whom such Conviction shall be adjudged

Provided that this Act shall not be Construed to extend as to the ffine to Women who have Bastards and do refuse to discover the ffather or Begetter of such bastard Children But that in such Cases it shall be in the discretion of the Justices before whom such woman or Women shall be Convicted either to take the ffine by this Act appointed or to award Corporall punishment Anything in this Act before

to the Contrary notwithstanding.

September 28th 1704
Read and assented to by the house of Delegates
W Taylard Clk hD.

September 29<sup>th</sup> 1704 Read and Assented to by her Ma<sup>tys</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> Councill W Bladen Cl Concil.